

EXHIBIT A

Attorney Docket No.

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.

United States Patent Application

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: 'Foil provided with recesses and assembly of such a foil and a liquid'

The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
 b. ☒ was filed on _____ as application serial no. _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. _____ filed _____ and as amended on _____ (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

- a. ☐ no such applications have been filed.
 b. ☐ such applications have been filed as follows:

FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, CLAIMING PRIORITY UNDER 35 USC § 119			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)
NL	1021544	26-09-2002	
ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED BEFORE THE PRIORITY APPLICATION(S)			
COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	DATE OF ISSUE (day, month, year)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	STATUS (patented, pending, abandoned)

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (Day, Month, Year)

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I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 (reprinted below):

§ 1.56 Duty to disclose information material to patentability.

(a) A patent by its very nature is affected with a public interest. The public interest is best served, and the most effective patent examination occurs when, at the time an application is being examined, the Office is aware of and evaluates the teachings of all information material to patentability. Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability as defined in this section. The duty to disclose information exists with respect to each pending claim until the claim is canceled or withdrawn from consideration, or the application becomes abandoned. Information material to the patentability of a claim that is canceled or withdrawn from consideration need not be submitted if the information is not material to the patentability of any claim remaining under consideration in the application. There is no duty to submit information which is not material to the patentability of any existing claim. The duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability is deemed to be satisfied if all information known to be material to patentability of any claim issued in a patent was cited by the Office or submitted to the Office in the manner prescribed by §§ 1.97(b)-(d) and 1.98. However, no patent will be granted on an application in connection with which fraud on the Office was practiced or attempted or the duty of disclosure was violated through bad faith or intentional misconduct. The Office encourages applicants to carefully examine:

- (1) prior art cited in search reports of a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and
- (2) the closest information over which individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application believe any pending claim patentably defines, to make sure that any material information contained therein is disclosed to the Office.

(b) Under this section, information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative to information already of record or being made of record in the application, and

- (1) It establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim;
- (2) It refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in:
 - (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or
 - (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability.

or

A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

(c) Individuals associated with the filing or prosecution of a patent application within the meaning of this section are:

- (1) Each inventor named in the application;
- (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
- (3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.

(d) Individuals other than the attorney, agent or inventor may comply with this section by disclosing information to the attorney, agent, or inventor.

(e) In any continuation-in-part application, the duty under this section includes the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to the person to be material to patentability, as defined in paragraph (b) of this section, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or patent agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected herewith:

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I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from and communicate directly with the person/assignee/attorney/firm/ organization who/which first sends/sent this case to them and by whom/which I hereby declare that I have consented after full disclosure to be represented unless/until I instruct Merchant & Gould P.C. to the contrary.

I understand that the execution of this document, and the grant of a power of attorney, does not in itself establish an attorney-client relationship between the undersigned and the law firm Merchant & Gould P.C., or any of its attorneys. Please direct all correspondence in this case to Merchant & Gould P.C. at the address indicated below:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Assignment

In consideration of One Dollar (\$ 1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

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Hereby sell, assign and transfer to Stork Prints B.V.

a corporation of The Netherlands
 having a place of business at Raamstraat 3, 5831 AT BOXMEER
 its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, for which I filed an application for United States letters Patent on which application was accorded application no. and is entitled 'Foil provided with recesses and

assembly of such a foil and a liquid'

,and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements;

Agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting title to said improvements and all applications for patent and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

Date _____

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Your reference :
Our reference : 02.193-1 sp
Date : 26 September 2003
Subject :

Dear Mr. Hadziioannou,

Stork Prints BV took over the patent portfolio of Papyron BV.

Stork Prints decided to continue NL 1021544 in, among others the USA.

We kindly ask you, as one of the inventors, to sign the enclosed two forms.

Please return these forms as soon as possible by using the enclosed envelop. You do not need to use stamps for this envelop.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Please call in case you have any question.

Yours sincerely,
Stork Patent Department

[Signature]
R. Ekkel

EXHIBIT B

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Uw referentie :
Onze referentie : 02.193-1 sp, 00.119-1 sp
Datum : 15 December 2003
Onderwerp : American patent applications 10/333,058
(Masking) and 10/672,349
(Kanaalstructuur)

BEFOREHAND BY E-mail

Dear Mr. Hadziioannou,

Thank you for your quick response.

From your facsimile, dated 7 December 2003, I conclude that in the labour contract (arbeidsovereenkomst) between you and Papyron BV nothing was said about intellectual property rights. It is in this situation that the employer, here Papyron BV, is entitled to the patents. According to this situation, there are no rights left (for entitlement to the patents) for you.

Another topic is compensation for you as inventor. This topic has nothing to do with the entitlement to the patents. If there is reason to believe that you are not compensated as inventor, I think you should ask the curator of Papyron for this compensation.

I hope that things are more clear now, and that you will sign the documents. I ask you to sign the documents and to return them within one week, i.e. before 24 December 2003.

If there are any questions left, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Stork Patent Department

R. Ekkel

EXHIBIT C

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Uw referentie :
Onze referentie : 02.193-1 sp
Datum : 1 March 2004
Onderwerp : American patent application
10/672,349 (Kanaalstructuur)

Dear Mr. Hadziioannou,

Further to my letters, dated 27 November 2003 and 15 December 2003, and your response by facsimile, dated 7 December 2003, I would ask you once again to sign as co-inventor the document enclosed by this letter.

In this document you declare to sell, assign and transfer to Stork Prints B.V. the application filed in the United States with number 10/672,349 and title "Foil provided with recesses and assembly of such a foil and a liquid". The application was filed on September 25, 2003.

Since Stork Prints B.V. is the owner of the above-mentioned patent application and you are mentioned as inventor I want to ask you to co-operate and sign the enclosed document.

For the sake of convenience I enclose also a copy of the filed application in the United States with number 10/672,349.

A copy of this letter will also be sent to Mr. Pelssers of Stork Prints B.V.

Please let me know whether you received all enclosures, and if there are obscurities please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
Stork Patent Department

R. Ekke

Enclosures:

- Assignment document for US no. 10/672,349.
- Copy of patent application US no. 10/672,349.

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Lettre recommandée avec accusé de réception

Dear Mr Ekkel :

In your letter of 01/03/04, I am surprised to see no mention of my reply by fax dated 23/12/03 in which I wrote that *"since there has never been any labor contract between Papyron and myself, and I didn't receive any salary from Papyron when the patents were filed, I cannot be considered as employee of Papyron and denied of my rights as co-inventor of the patents."*

Enclosed you will find copy of the fax.

With reference to the second alinea of your letter of 01/03/04, I'm not only co-inventor of the patent but also co-owner since I never accepted to sell my intellectual property rights to anyone. Stork Prints B.V. made an offer to buy my rights in January 2004 but I did not accept (see enclosed copies of the e-mails exchanged between Dr. Pelssers and myself).

Again I refuse to sell my intellectual property rights for one dollar and I won't sign the documents you sent me for this purpose.

Sincerely yours,



G. Hadziioannou

Cc : Dr. E. Pelssers

Encl. : fax sent to R. Ekkel on 23/12/03

Exchange of e-mails between G.H. and E.P.